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- At the end of January 1947 the Soviet military occupation command was in the Ulica Zankova 17. Katowice. Army-General Poplawski was in command.

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His righthand man at that time was Colonel Jodynis, a Russian in Polish uniform, outside whose office were the figures "66/8". A further assistant was Acting-Colonel Maskalan, outside whose office were the figures "3/8". Maskalan had two assistants, Major Pietrow and Major Flachotny. Also attached to Poplawski's command at the end of January was General Wozniesiowski at Braczka 5 in Breslau.

- On 9 March 1947 Poplawski and his Command were no longer in Katowice but had moved to Breslau, only the two majors remaining in Katowice.
- The Command in Breslau under Poplawski comprised General Modzelewski, General Cukanow, Colonel Dobrzanski and Colonel Budryk, who appears to supervise the Katowice Command, as he makes regular visits to that town. Also in Breslau under Poplawski were Major Utropow who has the judicial department and Colonel (of the Medical Corps) Dr. Enilchowsky who is stationed in the large convalescent center in Myslowice near Katowice.
- The duties of Poplawski's Command consist largely of the supervision of deliveries by the factories working for the Russians and the safe-guarding of lines of communication through this area. Poplawski is directly under Rokossowski.

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- On 5 March 1947 [redacted] in Ohlau near Breslau the following inscription on the outside of the barracks: "18 Baon.Mot". The troops in the barracks at Ohlau, estimated [redacted] at 1,000 men, were Russians in Polish uniforms. There are large fodder stores in the barracks and six double sentries guard the complex. Next to the barracks in a house near the cemetery is a Russian inspector's office (Inspektorat). Outside the officers' Casino, which is opposite the "Inspektorat", are the figures "288543", written in black on a white background.

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6. During February and March motorized Mongolian infantry troops, estimated at one division, were stationed in the area Frauendorf-Stephansdorf. They were equipped with light anti-tank guns and a very few light tanks. On 3 March this unit started to entrain at Oppeln for the USSR via Kreuzburg. The trains left from the south side of the Oppeln passenger station. All material was left in the Frauendorf-Stephansdorf area, and the troops left with only their personal effects and revolvers. [] on 9 March this movement was still going on, but replacement troops were expected on 10 or 11 March.

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7. In general, there were very few Soviet military units stationed throughout Upper Silesia at the beginning of March, with the exception of those in the Oppeln district.
8. The north wing of the Katowice railroad station houses the Russian main office for the control of all railroad transports in the Katowice-Oppeln area. This department is in the charge of Colonel Jegorow who returned to Katowice on 9 March after a stay of nearly two months in Russia. Apart from this central office there are 300 Russian officers attached to the railroad directorate (Direktion) in Katowice, whose work it is to arrange the transports of deliveries from the factories and mines in the area to the USSR.

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